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**Unit 1: Foundations for Reading**

**Lesson 2: What’s the Big Idea?**

**Name:**

***Purpose for reading:*** To use strategies to find the main idea of a selected piece of literature.

***Previewing and Making Predictions***

1. Read the title of your story. Look at any pictures provided. Briefly skim the passage.
2. **What do you think your story will be about? (2 sentences)**

***Identifying the Genre***

* **What is the genre of your selected text?**

***Reading and Taking Notes***

1. Keep a pen, pencil, and/or highlighter in your hand as you read. Take note of the main idea, important details, areas of confusion, and connections. **You will hand your marked text with this paper.**
2. Stop after reading the first page and answer:
   * **What is happening so far?**
3. While reading, think about your own knowledge and experiences. **What connections have you made to the text?**

***Summarizing the Text***

1. **In one paragraph, summarize the passage you read.**

***Identify the Main Idea***

1. **Go back and read your summary. Using your summary, identify the main idea of the story in one or two sentences.**